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1. The following types of aircraft were observed at the STAAKEN (N 53/4 65) airfield on 16 August 1949:

a. Type 1; not previously observed in STAAKEN, fighter (see Annex 1) radial engine, trapezoidal wings with cut-off wing tips, wing root rectangular, wings in slight dihedral, cowled landing gear, retractable sidewise, retractable tail wheel, rear of cockpit sloping into fuselage. Antenna rod aft of cabin and without wire connection; red propeller hub, white numbers, green paint. Strikingly fast with a great rate of climb.

b. Type 2; previously observed in STAAKEN, equipped with two radial engines with three-bladed propellers, built into wings. Long wings, level between engines, rising upwards toward the wing tips. Single rudder assembly with straight trailing edge; plumb fuselage (with ten windows) projecting beyond engines. Pilot's seat above leading edge of wing. Upper side painted green, lower side light blue.

c. Type 3; previously observed in STAAKEN, low-wing monoplane, one radial engine, trapezoidal wings with rounded-off wing tips; leading edge of wing slightly curved at wing root, trailing edge curved in a more pronounced manner. Rudder assembly spade-shaped; retractable landing gear, tilted to the fore. Cowled tail wheel. Two-seat cabin with cowled rear section; antenna rod aft of cabin; painted light blue.

d. Type 4; biplane of U-2 type.

2. The following aircraft were parked at the field (arrangement see Annex 2):

32 aircraft of type 1

8 aircraft of type 2

1 plane of type 3

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Several U-2s made intermediate landings at the field during the day.

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3. Thirty-three aircraft of type 1 took off individually and in groups of two and five from 9:32 a.m. to 9:56 a.m. They headed west after assembling over the field. One formation of 20 aircraft of type 1 approached the field from the west at 4:35 p.m., landing individually from 4:40 to 4:51 p.m. A second formation consisting of nine aircraft landed in groups of two from 5:18 to 5:28 p.m. Visibility: good; extent of cloudiness: 4/10.
4. The field was more strictly guarded by the German people's police. Heavy antiaircraft artillery fire was heard from the area north of the field. Artillery fire from the DOBERNITZ (N 53 1/2 63) troop training rounds was also heard.

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5. The following new aircraft types were observed at the field on 18 August 1949:
  - a. Type 5; similar to type 2, nose of fuselage and front of engine almost in line; leading edge of rudder assembly rising to the rear, forming a small circular arc at the top, straight trailing edge. Wheel-tread comparatively wide; fuselage very plumb; light green paint; two blue rectangles at rudder assembly.
  - b. Type 6; similar to the Fieseler Storch; high-wing monoplane; rectangular wings with rounded-off wing tips; wings supported by two slanting struts; one radial engine; rudder assembly almost semi-circular; elevator assembly shaped like a swallow's tail; braced landing gear; box-shaped fuselage; full-view cockpit for a crew of two or three beneath the wings.
6. The following aircraft were parked at the field (arrangement see Annex 3):
  - 21 aircraft of type 1
  - 7 aircraft of type 2
  - 1 plane of type 5.

Except for the landing about noon of an aircraft of type 3 and one of type 6 there was no flying during the day.

7. Approximately 100 men were engaged in close order drill in front of the barracks.

**Comment:** The described aircraft observed at the STAAKKE airfield probably represent the following types:

- Type 1: La 9
- Type 2: Li-2
- Type 3: Yak-11
- Type 4: PO-2
- Type 5: Yak-6 (no definite identification)
- Type 6: Yak-14.

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Therefore, 32 La-9s, 8 Li-2s, 1 Yak-11 and several PO-2s were stationed at the field on 16 August 1949; and 21 La-9s, 7 Li-2s and 1 Yak-6 on 18 August 1949. This observation confirmed previous information, according to which the field is occupied by one fighter regiment equipped with La-9 aircraft. It may be assumed that some of the aircraft stationed at the field were housed in the hangars and could not be seen. Besides this fighter regiment, one transport squadron equipped with Li-2 aircraft is assumed stationed in STAAKEN.

The attached sketches [redacted] give the report a high degree of credibility.

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- 3 Annexes:
1. Fighter Aircraft (Type 1) Observed at the STAAKEN airfield.
  2. STAAKEN Airfield and Arrangement of Aircraft Observed there.
  3. Arrangement of Aircraft Observed at the STAAKEN Airfield.

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